

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application:

A2 1. (Currently amended) A method for inspecting thermal equipment, comprising the steps of:

fetching information related to an operating state of thermal equipment via a communication line into an information processing device provided at a management center connected via the communication line to a facility site which is equipped with the thermal equipment and which is under a specified contract for the thermal equipment;

making the information processing device execute creation of report data for use of inspection recording related to an inspection of the thermal equipment as well as delivery of the created report data to the facility site; and

outputting from an output device a report based on the report data delivered from the information processing device at the facility site.

2. (Currently amended) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 1, wherein said step of fetching the information related to the operating state of the thermal equipment ~~is fetched into the information processing device~~ occurs at a specified time point.

3. (Currently amended) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the steps of:

storing the report data ~~is stored~~ in a data storage device at each time ~~of~~ during a creation of the report data, ~~and~~

executing by the information processing device ~~executes~~ a creation of a total report data for ~~a~~ the specified period at which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility site, and

outputting, while at the facility site, a total report of the specified period based on the total report data delivered from the information processing device ~~is outputted~~ from the output device.

4. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 2, wherein in event of occurrence of an abnormality of the thermal equipment, abnormality information on the

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thermal equipment is fetched into the information processing device,
and the fetched abnormality information is included in the report
data.

5. (Currently amended) The method for inspecting thermal
equipment according to Claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the
steps of:

storing the report data ~~is stored~~ in a data storage device
~~at each time of creation of the report data~~ is created, and

executing by the information processing device ~~executes a~~
creation of a total report data for ~~a~~ the specified period at
which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as
delivery of the created total report data to the facility site,
and

outputting, while at the facility site, a total report of
the specified period based on the total report data delivered
from the information processing device ~~is outputted~~ from the
output device.

6. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment
according to Claim 1, wherein the information related to operating

state of the thermal equipment is fetched into the information processing device at a specified time interval.

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7. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 6, wherein the report data is stored in the data storage device at each time of creation of the report data, and the information processing device executes creation of total report data for a specified period at which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility site, while at the facility site, a total report of the specified period based on the total report data delivered from the information processing device is outputted from the output device.

8. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 6, wherein in event of occurrence of an abnormality of the thermal equipment, abnormality information on the thermal equipment is fetched into the information processing device, and the fetched abnormality information is included in the report data.

9. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 8, wherein the report data is stored in a data storage device at each time of creation of the report data, and the

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information processing device executes creation of total report data for a specified period at which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility site, while at the facility site, a total report of the specified period based on the total report data delivered from the information processing device is outputted from the output device.

10. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 1, wherein in event of occurrence of an abnormality of the thermal equipment, abnormality information on the thermal equipment is fetched into the information processing device, and the fetched abnormality information is included in the report data.

11. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 10, wherein the report data is stored in a data storage device at each time of creation of the report data, and the information processing device executes creation of total report data for a specified period at which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility site, while at the facility site, a total report of the

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specified period based on the total report data delivered from the information processing device is outputted from the output device.

12. (Original) The method for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 1, wherein the report data is stored in a data storage device at each time of creation of the report data, and the information processing device executes creation of total report data for a specified period at which the stored report data is to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility site, while at the facility site, a total report of the specified period based on the total report data delivered from the information processing device is outputted from the output device.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for ~~inspecting~~ substantially reducing personnel and human error during required periodic inspections of thermal equipment, said system to be built between a facility site, ~~which is~~ equipped with the thermal equipment ~~and which is~~ under a specified contract for the thermal equipment, and a management center which serves for maintenance and management of the thermal equipment, the system comprising:

a communication line for connecting the facility site and the management center to each other;

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an operating-state information collecting device, provided at the facility site, ~~and serving~~ for collecting information related to operating state operating states of the thermal equipment;

a facility-side modem interposed between the operating-state information collecting device and the communication line;

an information processing device ~~which is~~ provided at the management center and ~~which fetches~~ for fetching the information related to the operating state states of the thermal equipment via the communication line and ~~further which executes~~ for executing a creation of report data for ~~use of~~ inspection recording, the inspection recording related to an inspection of the thermal equipment as well as delivery of the created report data to the facility site;

a management center-side modem interposed between the information processing device and the communication line; and

an output device ~~which is~~ provided at the facility site ~~and which serves~~ for outputting a report based on the delivered report data.

14. (Currently amended) The system for inspecting thermal equipment according to Claim 13, ~~wherein the system~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising a data storage device for storing therein the

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report data ~~at~~ each time ~~of creation of~~ the report data has been
created, and wherein the information processing device ~~is~~ being
capable of executing creation of total report data for a specified
period at which the report data stored in the data storage device is
to be totaled as well as delivery of the created total report data
to the facility site, while at the facility site, the output device
~~is capable of~~ outputting a total report of the specified period
based on the total report data delivered from the information
processing device.

15. (Original) The system for inspecting thermal equipment
according to Claim 13, wherein in event of occurrence of an
abnormality of the thermal equipment, the information processing
device is capable of fetching abnormality information on the thermal
equipment and making the fetched abnormality information included in
the report data.

16. (Currently amended) The system for inspecting thermal
equipment according to Claim 15, ~~wherein the system~~ further
~~comprises~~ comprising a data storage device for storing therein the
report data ~~at~~ each time ~~of~~ during creation of the report data, and
wherein the information processing device is capable of executing

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creation of total report data for a specified period at which the
report data stored in the data storage device is to be totaled as
well as delivery of the created total report data to the facility
site, while at the facility site, the output device is capable of
outputting a total report of the specified period based on the total
report data delivered from the information processing device.
